



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2005 - 78

EMERGENCY OCCUPATION OF HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOMS RESCINDS EXEC. ORDER NO. KBB 2005-24

- WHEREAS,** Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck the state of Louisiana causing severe and extreme damage and flooding in the southern part of the state rendering thousands of our citizens temporarily without housing;
- WHEREAS,** under the provisions of Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, and R.S. 29:724(A) in particular, the governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies or disasters and may issue executive orders, proclamations, and regulations which shall have the effect of law;
- WHEREAS,** initially, due to the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina, emergency situations required the continued use of hotel and motel rooms by evacuees thereby allowing such evacuees time to make other plans for short-term and long-term housing;
- WHEREAS,** Executive Order No. KBB 2005-24 was issued on September 1, 2005, to allow Hurricane Katrina evacuees to stay in hotel and motel rooms beyond their scheduled departure date, provided the rates were paid or guaranteed;
- WHEREAS,** Executive Order No. KBB 2005-51 was issued on September 27, 2005, amending the prior Order to allow for the evacuees from Hurricane Rita to likewise be allowed to occupy hotel and motel rooms beyond their scheduled departure date, provided the rates were paid or guaranteed;
- WHEREAS,** during the last two months, Hurricane Katrina evacuees have been allowed to return home, assess damages, and explore alternative living arrangements where necessary; and
- WHEREAS,** as the state transitions from emergency to recovery and redevelopment, it is necessary that hotel and motel rooms be made available for relief workers and recovery personnel, and customary business activity be allowed and encouraged.

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Executive Order No. KBB 2005-24, issued on September 1, 2005, as amended by Executive Order No. KBB 2005-51, issued on September 27, 2005, is hereby rescinded and terminated. Hotels and motels are encouraged, but not mandated, to continue to assist Hurricanes Katrina and Rita evacuees during this transition to normal business activity.

SECTION 2: This Order shall become effective Tuesday, November 1, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 28th day of October, 2005.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA



**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

/S/ Al Ater
SECRETARY OF STATE